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Applicant: Jeff Korn Art Unit: 3737

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Title : OPTICAL COUPLER FOR ROTATING CATHETER

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicant recognizes that in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 1302.14, the Examiner's reasons for allowance need not set forth all of the details as to why the claims are allowed. In the above-referenced application, applicant does not concede that the Examiner's stated reasons for allowance are the only reasons for which the claims are allowable. In particular, applicant does not concede that all of the identified limitations are necessary to distinguish the prior art of record or to satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112. Furthermore, the claims may be patentable for other reasons. In addition, the dependent claims are allowable on their own merits, and are allowable on the basis of a sub-combination of the recited features of the dependent claims and their respective base claims.

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed June 30, 2009, applicant has enclosed a completed issue fee transmittal form PTOL-85b. The fee in the amount of \$1055 is being paid concurrently on the Electronic Filing System (EFS) by way of Deposit Account authorization. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050, referencing Attorney Docket No. 12258-0036001.

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